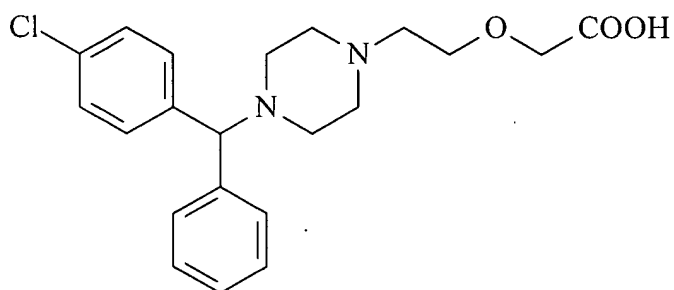


IN THE CLAIMS:

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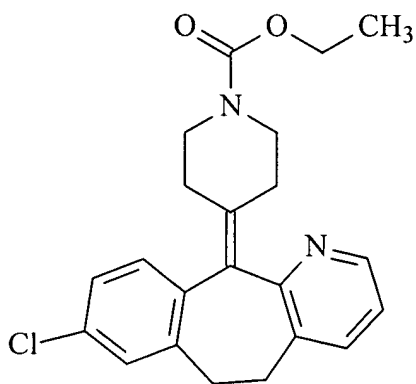
12. (Currently Amended) Nitrate salt of a compound selected from the group consisting of:

- Cetirizine having formula (I)

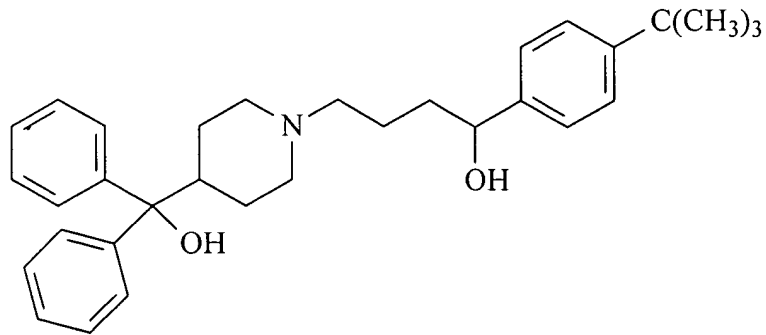


wherein both amine groups form an ionic bond with the nitrate anion

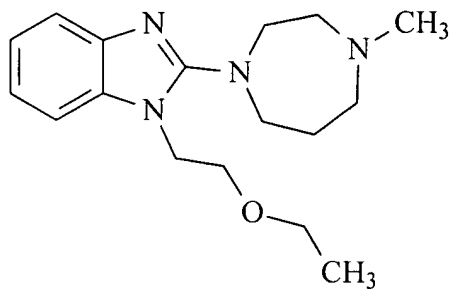
- Loratadine having formula (III)



- Terfenadine having formula (IV)



- Emadastine having formula (V)



and isomers thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) A nitrate salt according to claim 12 wherein the compound is Cetirizine of formula (II).

14. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a therapeutically effective

amount of a compound according to claim 12 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier.

15. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 14 wherein the composition is in a form that can be administered by non systemic administration.

16. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition is in a form that can be administered as an aerosol.

17. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition is in a topically administrable form.

18. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 13 and pharmaceutical acceptable excipient or carrier.

19. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 18, wherein the composition is in a form that can be administered by non systemic administration.

20. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 19, wherein the composition is in

a form that can be administered as an aerosol.

21. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 19, wherein the composition is in a topically administrable form.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for treating respiratory system pathologies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 12.

23. (Previously Presented) A method for treating allergies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 12.

24. (Previously Presented) A method for treating asthma, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 12.

25. (Previously Presented) A method for treating respiratory system pathologies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 14.

26. (Previously Presented) A method for treating allergies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 14.

27. (Previously Presented) A method for treating asthma, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 14.

28. (Previously Presented) A method for treating respiratory system pathologies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 15.

29. (Previously Presented) A method for treating allergies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 15.

30. (Previously Presented) A method for treating asthma, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 15.

31. (Previously Presented) A method for treating respiratory system pathologies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 18.

32. (Previously Presented) A method for treating allergies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 18.

33. (Previously Presented) A method for treating asthma said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 18.

34. (Previously Presented) A method for treating respiratory system pathology, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 20.

35. (Previously Presented) A method of treating asthma, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 20.

36. (Previously Presented) A method of treating allergies, said method comprising administering to a subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 20.